AGENDA ITEM #11d

March 11, 2005

To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: Delta Levees Workshop

(For Commission Discussion and Possible Action)

RECOMMENDATION: The Commission should consider becoming a *SPONSOR* of the workshop; no fiscal commitment is implied; some staff time will be dedicated to this task through early June; and event notification will be included in future Commission mailing packets.

BACKGROUND:

The Commission has directed staff to organize a Delta Levees workshop. Staff has been working with CALFED staff, the co-chairs of the Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee Delta Levees Subcommittee (Marci Coglianese and Tom Zuckerman), representatives of the North, Central, and South Delta Water Agencies and the State Water Contractors to organize a Delta Levees Workshop.

WORKSHOP OVERVIEW:

The one-day workshop will be an informational and educational program, with guest speakers and panels addressing the history of the Delta, new information, research, and technology developed in the recent past, challenges facing the Delta levees, and visions for the future of the Delta and the Delta levees.

WORKSHOP SPECIFICS:

Monday, June 6, 2005

Location: Pacific Theater, University of the Pacific, Stockton

One-Day Workshop, followed by bus tour of Jones Tract levee breach and repair site.

Morning Speaker: Jim Holliday, historian

Lunch Speaker: Lester Snow (invited, not yet confirmed)